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Message From the Editor

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Greetings!

I hope this issue of The Record finds you well and enjoying the new year.

Once again, Donna Hovey has worked tirelessly in compiling the Class Notes section so that you can keep up with friends and colleagues from MGH days. Thank you, Donna! Don't see anything from your class? Consider being a contact person for your classmates - we will gladly print your contact information so that your classmates can submit information about themselves to you for compiling and publication in future issues. After all, we can only print what we receive.

Please just be especially careful in reporting on the deaths of classmates and MGH colleagues; as a case in point, the alumnae office received a very gracious and good-natured email from alumnus who was shocked, no doubt, to read of her own alleged demise in this publication. "Dear Marlene," the email began, "The Record arrived. A great read. I found my name in the 'Memoriam' list. Any news of my death is greatly exaggerated, although the heat of the last 3 days almost convinced me that I had landed in Dante's Inferno. See you at Homecoming. Beth Hubley Thomson. MGH SON Class of '53." (Whoops!)

I would also like to encourage any and all of you to consider submitting feature articles/ photographs/ remembrances (however brief!) about your past or current MGH/ nursing days, MGH SON nursing alums, or anything else MGH SON- related that you think your peers might enjoy. Photographs and stories, for example, I would be happy to consider printing (where space allows), and then pass along to the archives, where they could be accessed by future generations of nurses.

This past Homecoming, during the Friday continuing education day, Constance Holleran spoke eloquently about her experiences both as a student and after her MGH training, in her travels all over the world on behalf of international nursing organizations. Her talk was especially well received, I believe, because it touched on people and places familiar to other graduates of the school- everyone seemed to particularly enjoy the stories about Ms. Ruth Sleeper. While many of us may not have traveled the world after our MGH days, we all do have stories to share, and are all a small part of the larger history of the school.

So do share your stories, keep your classmates informed about what you have been up to, and help keep this organization and publication as vibrant as the graduates it serves.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous new year.

Marie Botte
MGH NAA Publications Editor

On the Cover:

Phyllis Delano Skinner, proud member of the class of 1956 in her old uniform, at Homecoming 2006.

News from the MGH Community

Update from MGH Nursing and Patient Care Services

On behalf of Jeanette Ives Erickson, RN, MS, Senior Vice President for Patient Care and Chief Nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Marianne Ditomassi, RN, MSN, MBA, provided an overview of the newly-launched Institute for Patient Care during the Homecoming festivities.

She noted that as the depth and scope of clinical practice continues to grow amid a changing healthcare landscape, it's essential to maintain a clear and focused vision for the future. It was that future vision that first led Ives Erickson to the idea of creating the Institute for Patient Care at MGH. The Institute for Patient Care is comprised of existing and newly-launched centers as well as a number of programs and initiatives geared toward advancing clinical excellence, inter-disciplinary collaboration, education, and research.

Ives Erickson's vision for the Institute is that it will be a central entity linking disciplines and professions within Patient Care Services to foster teamwork, share best practices, and bring an informed, inter-disciplinary approach to patient- and family-centered care. Rather than allowing our good efforts to become scattered and disconnected, the Institute will enable clinicians across Patient Care Services to integrate competencies, evidence-based practice, quality-improvement, and informatics into the delivery of patient care.
The underlying philosophy of the Institute is rooted in the core competencies articulated by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 2002. They are:

- Provide patient- and family-centered care; identify, respect and care about patients' differences, values, preferences, and needs; relieve pain and suffering; coordinate continuous care; listen to, inform, communicate with, and educate patients; share decision-making; and advocate for disease-prevention, wellness, and healthy lifestyles,

- Work in inter-disciplinary teams; cooperate, collaborate, communicate, and integrate care,

- Employ evidence-based practice; integrate research into clinical expertise and patients' values for optimum care,

- Employ quality-improvement measures; identify errors and hazards; understand and implement basic safety principles; continually understand and measure quality of care; and design and test interventions to change systems with the objective of improving quality,

- Use informatics; communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making using information technology.

Ives Erickson notes that education, innovation, and influence don't happen in a vacuum; much of our work will rely on new and existing partnerships. It will be important as we move forward to forge relationships with businesses and educational organizations that support free thinking and inter-disciplinary learning. As clinical practice and the sphere of influence continues to grow in Patient Care Services, mirroring the dynamic nature of health care itself, Ives Erickson

shares that The Institute for Patient Care will help us harness the knowledge, imagination, and spirit of inquiry that have made us a world-class institution and keep our talents and energies focused on the areas where they're needed most.

MGH Institute of Health Professions Nursing Program Update

The Board of Higher Education has approved a new fast-track **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** (BSN) degree at the Institute. This marks the first baccalaureate degree offered at the Institute. The first students will enter in May 2008. Students admitted to this program will have a baccalaureate degree in another field and will be prepared for licensure as a registered nurse through this new degree offering. The program is designed to prepare students to work in direct care in hospitals as well as other institutional settings and in the community.

Increasingly, the baccalaureate degree in nursing is being viewed by many employers as the minimum preparation for entry into professional nursing practice. Additionally, numerous professional organizations in nursing have also supported the baccalaureate degree as the preferred education route for entry into practice. This new degree furthers the MGH Institute graduate program in nursing's tradition of innovative pathways for adult learners to enter the profession. The MGH Institute's curriculum has been designed to meet the needs of adult learners and to provide an opportunity to enter the nursing work force with outstanding preparation.

The accelerated program consists of 13 courses, some of which may be online and can be completed in 14 months. The program has worked with clinical partners to ensure a smooth transition from student to professional nursing role.

Minutes of the Annual General Business Meeting September 30, 2006

1. The meeting was called to order @ 12:35pm by Diane Smith, President.
2. Diane welcomed the Alumnae to the meeting. She thanked Ann Caldwell for MGH Institute being the location for this Homecoming and the welcoming reception given by the staff at MGH Institute. She thanked Mary Caira for all her superb work and effort to bring about this Homecoming.
3. All reports will be published in the Fall/Winter edition of the Record.
4. The ballot, which had been mailed to the membership, was presented by Linda Orrell. 312 ballots were received.
The president-elect position was blank but filled with Barbara Dunderdale as a write-in. She graciously accepted.
The ballot was then accepted as presented. The following results are:

President	Jeanne Cona Eskander
President–elect	Barbara Dunderdale
Secretary	Marlene Norton
Board of Directors	Mary Caira
Board of Directors	Adele Keeley
Board of Directors	Susan Zaia

A motion was made to destroy the ballots and approved by the membership.
5. Diane commented on the exciting time and sucesses she had as president and was pleased that her class was having its 40th reunion as she was stepping down from this position. She commented on the upcoming move of the Alumnae Office from Ruth Sleeper Hall to a new office on Founders 302 (Phillips House). Thank you all and enjoy the day !
6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm. An excellent luncheon followed.
Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton, Secretary

Communications and Publications

Two issues of *The Record* were published this past year. Please remember that items that are not received by the deadline will be included in the next edition. Thank you to all who submit items. If your class never has news listed then you should take it upon yourself to get some news and send it in, or become your class contact person!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass Orrell
Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association received a total of $91,990 from bequests, dues, fund drives, donations, bank account interest and educational and homecoming events. Of this amount we received $44,460 from dues, miscellaneous income and the annual fund drive. Educational and homecoming events that are used to offset the costs of these programs totaled $9,975 for a total of $54,435 in unrestricted income. Restricted income that is only available for specified purposes totaled $336,216 Of this amount Capital Campaign donations totaled $31,762.

For that same period ending December 31, 2005, expenses for the general operations of the Association, the Capital Campaign and a one-time contribution to MGH Institute for a scholarship in

memory of an instructor were $72,921 for a net of income over expenses of $14,831.

For the first time in three years, we are in the black and we are now in good shape financially. Our accounting firm continues to keep our accounts in order and all office and fiscal duties continue to be assumed by members of the Board of Directors.

I would personally like to thank Linda Orrell for assuming some of my fiscal duties while I was recovering from my second hip surgery and without access to a computer, and to acknowledge all the hours that she and Marlene Norton volunteer to this association. Without their dedication we would not be in the positive position we are now enjoying. It has taken over three years, but we are now financially stable.

A copy of the full financial report is on file in the Alumnae office and is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery H. Eramo
Treasurer

Historian, Linda Lass Orrell

The oral history project is doing well. We received over 600 questionnaires with over 300 willing to be interviewed. Equipment has been purchased to do the video and audio interviews. There are 14 students at MGH Institute who will be doing some of the interviews and at Homecoming we had 6 additional alumnae who expressed interest and received training to do oral history interviews. If you are interested please contact Linda Lass Orrell at the MGHNAA address.

Bertella Tomkins Annual Report from Mary Caira

One graduate received money from this fund for medical bills in 2006. Money is available to assist graduates with medical bills.

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund
September 30, 2006

This year, there was one recipient of a loan from the fund. Another loan has reached payback time. A gift of $10,000 was received from the estate of Esther Martinson and is appreciated.

We continue to offer low interest educational loans (2%-4%) for tuition to those pursuing their nursing or related education. There are no prepayment penalties and interest begins to accrue in the second year of repayment. Requirements include remaining an active member in good standing for the duration of the loan. Please see application form for other requirements.

Nurses may apply for loans up to a lifetime amount currently of $8,000. Applications may be found in *The Record, Beyond the Cap* or from the Alumnae Office. We request that applications be submitted by May, but will welcome them at other times of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Chairperson

Sally Johnson and Felicia Fullerton Scholarships

This year, the Scholarship Committee has continued to see increased activity in receiving scholarship applications. We are very pleased to announce that Felicia Kulig Fullerton Scholarships were awarded to the following nurses:

Mary Fischer '78 for PhD in education, Anita Pandolfe Ruchman '78 for MA-Psych NP, Donna Slicis '81 for PhD in Nursing, Elizabeth Carps Stephens '78 for MSN, NP, Ann Morris Zaia '81 for PhD in Nursing.

We wish these nurses well as they pursue their educational interests.

The Sally Johnson Scholarship was not given this year to allow it to grow. A generous donation to the scholarship fund was made in memory of Joan Bicknell O'Keefe by her sister Charlotte Johnson.

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We request that applications be submitted by May, but will welcome them at other times of the year. Requirements are listed on the application and include preference given if applying for a nursing degree, but pursuing education in a related field is permissible. Recipients must be active (dues paid) members. The scholarships are only for tuition costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton, Chairperson
Lucy Tannenbaum-Nisotel
Carolyn Wortman

Price List Gift Items–2007

Key Ring (Pin)	$20.00
Tote Bag (Sundial)	$20.00
Note paper (10 with Nurse)	$10.00
Note paper (6 with Sundial)	$10.00
Full color Note (1 with Sundial)	$ 3.50
Mugs	$10.00
Umbrella	$15.00
Sun Catcher (Sundial)	$15.00
Books:	
The Next 25 Years	$15.00
Centennial Review	$10.00
An Alumnae Tribute	$15.00
Special Purchase all 3 books	$30.00

Please add $5.00 for shipping to all orders and allow two weeks for delivery.

Student Paper Award

MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association Accepting Entries for Student Paper Award

The MGH NAA is accepting submissions from students of MGH Institute of Health Professions Graduate Program in Nursing for the Student Paper Award.

Awards will be made in October and May annually. *Deadline for submission is October 10 and May 10 each year.*

The purpose of this award is to provide a mechanism by which to recognize outstanding students for creative and innovative writing skills in defining what nursing is to them or a topic of current interest in nursing.

The winning paper will be recognized as follows:

- ☞ A $750 cash award
- ☞ The paper will be published in **The Record**

Eligibility and Requirements:

This award is open to all students of MGH Institute's Graduate Program in Nursing at the time of submission. The paper must be submitted in electronic form for publication (MS Word or rich text format) to *Lindaorrell@aol.com* and to *MGHNAA@aol.com* by October 10 for the fall award and by May 10 for the spring award. The paper should not exceed 10 pages including references, tables, and figures. Include name, email address, mailing address, and phone number with the submission.

Review Criteria:

The Communications and Publications Committee of the MGH NAA will review
papers and decisions are up to the discretion of the committee. The decisions will focus on the ideas presented, writing style, and the general interest of the topic to the members of the Alumnae Association.

Notification:

All submissions will be notified by email when the submission is received and the winning award recipient will be notified by email and in written form within two weeks after the submission deadline.

Outgoing President of the MGH NAA, Diane Smith with new President Jeanne Eskander

A New Mission for MGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association

A message from the outgoing President of the MGH NAA, Diane Smith
May 13, 2006

This past week has been an inspiring one for my nursing mind. Nurse's Week at MGH is always a spectacular event. The corridors of MGH are lined with large posters of nursing accomplishments and contributions; there are nursing presentations and lectures throughout the week; Jeanette Ives Erickson's State of the Union address is always an inspiration—this year the Topic was Professionalism in Nursing—sound familiar?—Miss Sleeper would be pleased. The week is culminated with a social event at the Museum of Science—thousands of nurses with their friends and family members—what energy and spirit is always present at the event.

The next day I then had the honor of representing all of you at the MGH Institute of Health Professions Commencement Exercises. Paul Farmer, MD of BWH and Partners in Health (*Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder) was the commencement speaker. Do not miss an opportunity to hear this inspiring gentleman speak, he is more impressive in person than in the book—an accomplishment I did not think was possible.

He advised the graduates to make a contribution to "fix medicine" and to always work as a team. At the brunch before commencement he talked about joint educational programs for nurses and physicians. He practices as a team in all his health care programs be it in Haiti, Russia or more recently in Rwanda.

Over the years that I have been on the Board I have given much thought to our mission and the legacy we will leave as an Association. Our donation of the sculpture to MGH was a significant statement about our philosophy of nursing and our contributions to the MGH. Collectively we must consider our next major project.

I propose that we consider funding a program that would develop educational opportunities that foster team learning with nurses and physicians. I am not certain how the program would evolve. Perhaps we could earmark donations made to the Knight Center for Nursing Education, MGH Institute and the Medical school. Dr. George Thibault is currently the Director of the Board of MGH Institute—I would suggest that a representative group from the Alumnae Association would meet with Jeanette Ives Erickson, Ann Caldwell and Dr. Thibault.

Each year the Department of Nursing would like to send their Annual report to members of the Alumnae, and MGH Institute would like to send their publications to members. Please consider sharing your address with these institutions so that they can keep you informed. (The MGH NAA does not currently share the addresses of members.)

In closing I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve on the Board of MGHNAA for the past seven years. It has been a privilege. I am leaving the Board in September 2006; I am leaving it in the hands of a very dedicated group of women who give tirelessly of time and commitment.

I encourage all of you to become involved in the organization. Over the next few years we will have to address some very important issues—you need to be a part of those discussions.

Please continue to be as generous in your support of MGH NAA as you have been in the last several years—over $125,000 has been donated in the last five years. Please maintain your level of support.

Again I thank you all for your support, direction and generosity during my tenure on the Board; it has been an honor.

A message from the President of the MGH NAA, Jeanne Cona Eskander

It is a privilege to assume my second term as President of the MGH NAA, a lot has happened over the years since I left my first term.

The Nursing Sundial was placed on the Bulfinch lawn, it was gifted from the NAA to MGH, the Capital Campaign came to a close, Homecoming was held for the first time at MGH Institute and the NAA moved into the Founders Building (the former Phillips House).

Homecoming 2007 saw the last 25 year Reunion Class from the SON celebration which marks a milestone for our organization. Our legacy needs to be guided into a new era by our Board. I sincerely look forward to the challenges facing the future direction our organization and am open to any thoughts that you as members wish to share with the Board. So in closing, as President with the support of the Board, I look forward to a busy two years and hope to hear from the membership!

Sincerely,

Jeanne (Cona) Eskander, 1969
Alumnae Association President

2006 Homecoming

Class of 1966 at Homecoming Weekend at MGH Institute, September 30, 2006
Back row, *left to right: Chriss Lassen; Sue O'Neill; Betty McCarthy; Janet Golden; Sue McGlew; Lee Wirts; Joanne Sweeney; Linda Haywood; Terry Hession; Sue Pierce; Donna Brien; Margaret Maloney; Peggy Cope; Marianne Jones; Sue Dwyer; Jane Goodwin; Debby Lowe; Diane Smith.*
Middle row: *Helena McDonough; Angie Pasinski; Diane Avery; Elaine Oliver; Carlene Messina; Sue Purdy; Ann Collins; Mary Egan; Jean MacMillan; Kathy Zeborah; Sue Fisher; Angie Narkavicious; Laurie Wilson*
Front row: *Lucy Cole; Chickie Seaton; Betsy Mudgett; Ellie Cannata; Ginny Bradley; Linda Freeman; Jean McLaughlin; Mary Donnelly, Barb Harnisch; Trish Durkee.*
Those not pictured but who attended are: Fran Angliera, Juliet Gordon, Donna Olsen and Linda Lass

More than 140 alumnae attended Homecoming weekend on September 29th and 30th. The class of 1966 celebrated it's 40th anniversary, and saw a great turnout--the class of 66 made up 40% of the weekend's attendees!

Many got a chance to witness some of the newest technology in nursing education (the Sim Man patient simulator) and to speak with current nursing students, as well as an opportunity to learn how to help with the School of Nursing Archives and the Oral History Project. One reunion class (1966) even organized and took a Duck Tour of Boston. The Homecoming celebration at the MGH Institute was such a success overall that plans have already been made to have the next Homecoming luncheon there as well- hope you can make it!

Former director of the school of nursing, Natalie Petzold and President Caldwell.

Deborah Washington, RN, MSN, Diversity Patient Care Services, MGH, presenting on Cultural Diversity at MGH at the Friday Continuing Education Homecoming event.

Current MGH Institute Nursing students David Nawrocki, L, and Mary McNiece, R, answer questions from SON alumni at Homecoming.

Elizabeth Whitney Gray '44, Elva Sawyer Proctor '37, Gertrude Snow Bratt '38

Class of 1946; L to R standing: Alice Riley, Helene Gunee, Kathleen Delaney; L to R sitting: Vera Presentato DeRosa, Dorothy Bickford Caulfield, Irene Pratt, Antoinette Calabro Quain

Class of 1947; L to R standing: Shirley Cotter, Shirley Donnelly, Barbara Brewer; L to R sitting: Ann Walsh Hinman, Annis Lowe Ginger, Dorothy Perry Cuttan

Helen Plata Grabowski '50, Lucy Rich Keohan '50, Barbara Robinson Sollows-Davis '52, Beth Hubley Thomson '53

Class of 1951; L to R standing: Marion Manes, Hilda Feneley, Eunice Stolecki
L to R sitting: Eleanor Lynch, Virginia Sabin

Class of 1955: Marie Donovan Kent, Shirley Donaghy Hamel, Barbara Fox Kaslow

Class of 1956
Back row, *left to right: Georgianna Katchadorian White, Mary York Mallory, Janet Haake Rohrbacher, Elizabeth Boland, Marian Winquist Kinzinger, Prudence Thacher Stewart, Barbara Krysieniel Tannuzzo, Barbara Doyle Herlihy-Chevalier, Betty MacLean Woods*
Middle row: *Margaret-Mary DiMara, Sylvia Churchill Prince, Phyllis Sargelis Woodward, Phyllis Delano Skinner, Sandra Young Brown, Shirley MacMaster Laufer*
Front row: *Kay Chester, Janet DiBona, Therese Hamel Sanfacon*

Class of 1957; L to R standing: Margery Howe Eramo, Rita Debonis, Jo Fredella Gagnon; L to R sitting: Betty O'Leary, Pat Pevey

Class of 1958; L to R standing: Susan Truby Peterson, Delthia Vitasuso, Mary Flannery Caria; L to R sitting: Ruth Gedies Russo, Janet Hames Crook

Class of 1960; Cynthia Story Mallette, Donna Sweeney Harrill, Roberta Dawson Stidham

Class of 1961; L to R standing: Rosemary Rice Williston, Maureen McGrath, Stephanie Pietrowski Davidson, Elizabeth Matricaria Hutchinson; L to R sitting: Ann Maria Quink Young, Eleanor Love Marchi, Marlene Norton

Class of 1962: Katherine Marag Richo, Susan Huk O'Shea; Class of 1963: Barbara Podgutski Dunderdale

L to R standing: Class of 1965; Adriane Aldrich de Savorghani; Class of 1971: Susan Bindsell Mueller, Donna Marwell Hovey, Gail Kelley McKinnon, Class of 1970: Rosemary Delaware Stauff; L to R sitting: Class of 1969: Jeanne Cona Eskander, Class of 1971: Karen Buma Dobelbower, Vareen O'Keefe Domaleski, Irene Schleicher McMahan

Class of 1974: Elizabeth Compagnone; Class of 1976: Susan Emery, Kathleen Binford, Susan Burke Guarino, Marie McDonald Fahey

Archives Preservation Work Underway

On September 30th, nearly 30 alumnae attended a workshop on the afternoon of Homecoming to learn about the preservation and cataloging of the MGH School of Nursing Archives. These archives cover the period from 1873 to 1981 and include the records of the Boston Training School for Nurses, the MGH Training School for Nurses, and the MGH School of Nursing, the predecessor of the current Graduate Program in Nursing at the MGH Institute of Health Professions.

Archivist Hannah Potter held training sessions in November 2006 for alumnae who had expressed interest in volunteering to assist with the preservation, and work began in earnest in early December. Volunteers to date include Susan Emery '76, Susan L. Fisher '66, Cynthia Story Mallette '60, Helena T. McDonough '66, Katherine Marag Richo '62, and Rosemary C. Stauff '70, as well as Patricia Austen from the MGH Archives Committee.

An Advisory Board has been appointed by Institute President Ann W. Caldwell to provide advice and counsel as the archives are developed. The members of the Advisory Board, which is chaired by Hannah Potter, include Patricia Austen, MGH Archives Committee; Marianne Ditomassi, Executive Director of Patient Care Services at MGH; Kate Krupanski, Institute Annual Fund & Alumni Relations Manager; Linda Lass Orrell '67, MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association; Cecilia Roberts, Institute Information Science Specialist; and Karen Wolf, Clinical Associate Professor and Associate Director, Institute Nursing Program.

Alumnae interested in volunteering to assist with the preservation may contact Hannah Potter by email at *hpotter@mghihp.edu* or by calling (781) 862-4765.

Donna Hovey '71 was appointed Director at AACN/(Hartford) Geriatric Nursing Project.

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I haven't received any recent news since that submitted for the Summer Record that missed the deadline for printing. That news is included in this issue. Having just passed the ninety year mark, I find that I get more questions such as "do you really still drive" and "are those your own teeth" and "how do you manage to live in that big house all alone" etc. I don't remember getting all those questions when I was only 89, but maybe it's because I forget a lot of things these days. No one has sent me any news via my computer, but snail mail at Christmas has produced the following:
Betty Houghton Harting wrote: Things stay about the same here. The only "work" I do is in the gift shop where we make money for the medical center patients. I do a lot of card playing and walking.
From **Muriel "Bunny" Simpson MacAffee:** Doing OK still driving at ninety-one and a half.
From **Faith Bailey Thibbetts**: Whoever thought we'd live to be so old and still have fun! Last January spent a week in New Orleans. The food, the people, and the old city was great. Walked a lot, had dinner on the paddle boat, did several walking tours, enjoyed different food and their hurricane drink (two or three kinds of rum).
From **Elizabeth (Libby) Smith Hollidge** who has moved from Milton to Falmouth, Maine: Moving was quite an ordeal. My small house is crowded and there is a limit to what can be placed. The town is much like Milton with lovely houses and many "church goers." Was at MGH Cardiology. Seemed so good to see the Bulfinch building.
Elva attended Homecoming and again was the only representative for the class of '37 (the oldest class there). **Gertrude Snow Barr**, class of '38, was the runner up. Next year will be our 70th and I do hope we may have a few more attending. The new location at The Health Institute worked out well. I took the Oral History workshop and will probably take part in an interview later. If anyone has memorable events they would like documented, pass them along to me and I can include them. I keep busy and well and would love to hear from you.

1949, February

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Clara Skowyra Sellon and Charlie are both doing well, and keep busy with church activities and visiting family members as often as possible. In October, they plan to make their yearly trip to California to visit family there. Sadly, Clara's youngest sister, Alice, died in May after a 14 year battle with Parkinson's disease. We extend our sympathy to Clara and her family. Her brother, Ted, is still in a nursing home since suffering a stroke in May of 2005. Her oldest brother, Tony, who is 86, keeps himself active by working every day in his machine shop. His work ethic keeps him going. Her brother in law (sister Terry's husband) has early Alzheimer's disease. Fortunately, she has 24 hour care givers assisting with his needs. **Margaret Connors Bernier** is still at the Lachance Nursing Home in Gardner. Her husband, Gerard, keeps very busy with visiting her twice each day. Her son, John, and his wife Sharon live in the Richmond, Virginia area. John and Sharon's daughter, Meghan, graduated from the University of Virginia last spring and has started medical school this fall at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Her second son, Robert, lives in Belchertown, MA and works in the Amherst area. Her daughter, Carolyn, and her husband, Andrew, live in Manchester, CT. She keeps very busy with her 3 children. Sean, the oldest, is in first grade, and her oldest daughter, Andrea, is in pre-school. Alyssa turned one in May and is very active right now with wanting to keep up with her big brother and sister. Peggy sends her best wishes to her classmates and looks forward to reading about them in the class notes. **Beatrice Comstock Paquin** writes that she and Joe lead fairly active lives and ignore their ages. Bea still works at the library 15 hours a week and totally enjoys it. She and Joe belong to a seniority group through their local hospital and they go on trips and pursue numerous other activities with that group. She is also a member of the Historical Society, and is trying to convince that organization to recruit younger folks. She still volunteers a few hours a week at the local hospital, sorting mail. She stated she would be a "terrible couch potato" if she didn't have these things to keep her busy.

Phyllis Haydon McClain missed her granddaughter's high school graduation. She got gout instead and couldn't travel. Fortunately, she's ok now. Other than that, she has had a very quiet year. She still volunteers at the library mornings. This is her 20th year! Congratulations Phyllis! Please note: Phyllis' name was misspelled in the last issue, but appears corrected in this issue. I apologize for this error. **Jane Woodbury Seeling** wrote that the main event of this year involved Fred's health. In June, he was diagnosed with lung cancer and he had a lobectomy in July. He has recovered very well and the cancer was described as rare and non-invasive, so he didn't have to be seen by an oncologist or have any additional treatment. They did have to cancel plans to travel to New England, however. In September, Jane had cataract surgery, and now has 20/20 vision. She wrote, "What a blessing to be able to see again." Their 3 children and 17 grandchildren are all doing well. They have no great grandchildren at this point and there are no prospects of any in the near future. **Nancy DiMattia Sannella** spent the summer enjoying day trips and the usual annual vacation at Hampton Beach with her daughter Marianne and her family. Walking at the beach was problematic as her knee swelled after walking on the sand. Nonetheless, it was an enjoyable two weeks spent with family and friends who visited. When she returned home, she developed Bell's palsy, which is now greatly improved. She is back to quilting again, and reading when her eyes allow it. Her youngest daughter, Susan, had a baby boy last January, grandchild #13.

He will be 9 months old in early October. While caring for this third child, with the help of her husband, mostly, Susan completed her doctorate in physical therapy with a 4.0 average. Nancy wrote, "Needless to say, I am very proud." That's quite an accomplishment! **Rose Harriet Jacobs Hopkins** wrote a chronology of events: June-cousin reunion on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. They were a beautiful few days. July-Spent the month at the lake. August-diagnosed with interstitial pneumonitis, lung function much better. September 1-6 Harv and Warner visit from CO. Warner brought a Dutch girlfriend. There was a reunion at the lake. September 28-Stewart was told he was legally blind. He is managing quite well, however. He has 5 lights in his room, a new big light for his desk, and will be getting a low vision keyboard. He has an appointment to see a specialist on 10/3. We wish him well. Last October, Podee completed writing a history of Stevens-Bennett, the oldest woman's retirement home in the country. It's being marketed this month in celebration of 150 years. It is expected it will be showcased on local TV. Congratulations on this accomplishment! **Dorothy Curtis Flaherty** was rehospitalized for additional treatment of pneumonia, but is doing well now. She is considering moving to a retirement community some time in the future. **Barbara Roser Manoni** has 4 grandchildren currently attending college. They are all enjoying it and doing quite well, too. Her great granddaughter is in first grade. It is a year since she had her knee replacement, and it is functioning well, but certain moves tell her that there is something "foreign" in the joint. She continues to walk slowly and carefully. Her sister, Nancy, has recovered well after replacements of both knees. Unfortunately, she was sick for months with an infection she probably acquired during one of her 4 hospitalizations. Larry is doing well. The chemotherapy really wiped him out. He was very sick as well as weak, and it was pretty ineffective. The 5 weeks of radiation therapy were much better with no side effects. He will be having a CT scan in the future to determine the results of his treatments. He does feel stronger, and his appetite is better. But he still experiences fatigue and lack of strength (which he hates!). Barbara wrote that she enjoys her 2 bridge clubs every month, with wonderful long-time good friends. **Dorothy Iwanicki** thanks all those who took the time to write news for this issue. It is gratifying to hear from so many of you. My sister and I flew to Florida in August to visit with family and especially to see my 8 year old grand nephew who was visiting from Idaho. We all had a great time. Boarding the flight home, we were subject to those strict regulations regarding no liquids, food, lotions, shampoo, lipstick, etc. in our carry on luggage, following the arrests of several terrorists in England just 2 days before our departure. We were amazed that the check-in process went so smoothly so soon after that incident. I'm looking forward to taking a day trip to see the fall colors this weekend. I am still enjoying taking advantage of the programs at our senior center. I send my best wishes and love to all, and am looking forward to hearing from you again in the spring for the next issue. Have a happy holiday season!

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From **Mary Lou Brown** to our class-

mates! I look forward to class news. I hope that many of us will be able to gather for our 55th reunion next year. I had a very wonderful tour of the MGH Institute with **Marie Elena Botte** while in Boston last November. During the year I have visited with **Connie Delory Stevens** in LA during visits to family there. We continue to live in Bellingham, WA, located between Seattle and Vancouver, BC. Our town is on the Northern edge of Puget Sound. Being on the saltwater here reminds us of the New England coast. Lately we have enjoyed remembering our own summer experiences on Buzzards Bay as we read The Big House, a book written by George Howe Colt ....son of **Lisa Howe Colt**. From **Dot Lucius Kozloski**:..I returned two weeks ago from a three-week trip to Sardinia, an island off the west coast of Italy, where my niece is working for the Navy/Airforce. She is a psychologist and is in charge of a six-person office seeing Navy personnel. Her Dad, Dick (my brother) lives with me here in Fla. We met my other brother, Paul, in London and spent some good time together, the 4 of us. We saw Garabaldi's museum, spent a day on (Fr) Corsica beautiful---but rugged. And also spent 3 days in London. England was interesting and from TV, somewhat familiar---and now when I see some news item about England I really recognize what I see. The trip was wonderful not rushed and a great visit. I've had some interesting days this summer. It has been hotter than heck here and I went up to Conn. (outside Hartford) to visit with my twin brother, Paul and his wife Maura. And, it was hotter there than what I left here in Fla. I bit the bullet and finally (and luckily) was able to sell my RV, not an easy thing to do with gas prices what they are. I've been in all of the contiguous 48 States and 3/4 of Canada as well, so it ran its' time. I still say it is a great way to see these United States if you have the time---and retirees do have that. Are there any plans "cooking" for our 55th reunion in 2007? I'm interested. Keep me in the loop. Special thanks to you Joan for helping all of us keep in contact. By the way it was great to see the cover photo of Chris Jones and the other MGH grads in the Record just received. As I recall Chris was Student Council President---and I was on the nominating & ballot counting group. And, I have often thought of her in the last years---wondering what she was doing. Nice write-up. From **Connie Delory Steven**... I will celebrate my 25th year at the VA; on October 30 - my 75th birthday. When I accepted the position of Nurse Educator (having completed my Master's Degree - FINALLY) in 1981, it was with the expectation that I would work 5 more years and then retire. The VA has proven to be a rich and rewarding experience. I moved from Nursing Educator to Computer Applications Educator in 1997.That was when the VA made the commitment to an Electronic Record System . Despite negative reports of medical care provided by the VA in times past, the VA has now become the benchmark for patient care - both in terms of quality of care and patient satisfaction. How exciting to be a part of this transition! I can't bring myself to even consider the notion of retiring, I'm so enjoying every minute! From **Arelene Bell Gigliotti**- (after I chased her down because we hadn't heard from her) but a move will do that...she moved to 271 English Lakes Blv. Amherst Oh 44001 new phone 440 988-9252. Will be going to Fl. about Oct 15 or so. From **Jody Cederholm Siebert**: I had lunch with **Joyce Sawtell** and **Lowell Kennedy** at their lovely new home in Chapel Hill NC, while at Duke hospital for my grandaughter's cardiac ablation procedure last month. The lunch was wonderful ,,,the ablation was not!!!! They completely knocked out her electrical system ...she had to have a pacemaker placed ...rather difficult for a

17 year old .....We hope to get the windows in the condo next week Yes I'm still talking the hurricane of 2004 But things are slowly getting there.....Any talk of another FLORIDA mini reunion????? From **Ann Slattery Newton**... **Margie Kearney Legge** sent me the picture of her, Arlene and me at the seashore. Does anyone remember where it was taken? I talked to Margie for a while last night. She is fine. Keeps very busy with her church and her children are nearby. She does very little traveling. Jack and I are leaving for Tunisia at the end of the month and will stop in Paris on the way home. All the kids will be here in Omaha for Thanksgiving. We have been following OSU football. They have an alum group here that meet in a sports bar to watch on big screen TV. I must admit I was for Texas in that game but managed to keep it to myself in that group. From **Nancy Robicheau Thibideau**...We live in Nova Scotia(French Shore) and Summerfield, Florida (Spruce Creek Country Club by Del Webb). We are both 75 years old and feeling a bit older. We have 2 married sons and one still looking. Ron manages a gift store and has 3 sons, Roy is divorced and has 2 daughters, John is a microbiologist in Boston and is unmarried. Our Hallmark shops were sold in 2003. We have been married 53 years and going strong. All is well and I love to sketch and paint in my spare time. From **Betty Buckley Federman**...We are essentially the same. Dan has cut back to 1/2 time. Less traveling and no early AM meetings. We will be married 51 years on October 2. Carolyn and her family are in Chicago, kids now 7,5,3. Lise is also in Chicago having sold her condo in Fl and will probably end up in Boston. We spend December through March.... and into April in Key Biscayne, FL. Neither of us enjoy the winters here. The MGH is ever so different and more new buildings to come. My best to all. From **Jane Schmidt Hoffman**... Here is one person who is happy to see the cooler weather arrive! I have become so heat intolerant and, during the summer, became bathed in perspiration with the slightest bit of activity! It did not help that I was fighting bronchitis and pneumonia for most of the summer. Even so, we managed to have our breezeway, completely redone with new windows there and in the bedrooms-- added a deck and steps to the backyard. Looks great! Just hope that the deer do not decide to take a walk up to see what we are doing! We entertained our family from Germany and had a great time! The gal who keeps my house neat and tidy, with great help from my daughter, Lisa, took charge of a wonderful family/friends party-- 33 people and 2 dogs!! I am fortunate to have such good help and a husband who is so willing to lend a hand. I have considered a move to a more retirement setting, but Cliff will hear none of it and my 92-year-old cousin says, I must keep a 'homestead' for my family-- no one she knows is happy with those retirement moves! Cliff would not come with me, so I guess there is no use thinking about moving! Cliff is still struggling with his eye. The stitches have not been removed from the corneal transplant and the eye doctor does not see him until December. It is a very slow process. I am lucky that I can read. I read 'The Lemon Tree,' this summer-- a book about an Arab family and the Jewish Family that displaced them in Palestine. It gave much insight into the background of and an understanding of the Arab/Israeli conflict. Too bad that it did not present a ready solution!! **Margery Sprague Dreselly**...My new knee is great, but my back has given out. It will probably require surgery soon. I talk with **Celina Maciel Hill, Shirley Lund Bennett** and **Katy MacPherson** by phone occasionally, but we haven't been able to coordinate for a lunch meeting this summer. We're hoping to do it before snow flies. -and

from me, **Joan McMahon**... bet the last of us reached the 3/4 mark this year. Not so bad and maybe even a great accomplishment. Congratulations on all the wedding anniversaries that have been celebrated. I will celebrate with **Mary Fay Morgan Noonan** and Jerry for their 50th. Fay said I helped her make it down the aisle the first time so better be there this time also. My aunt has moved to assisted living here in Columbus so no more trips to St Pete. I will find some other destinations I am sure. Thanks to all who keep in contact and make our class alive and well. Hoping for the 55th!

1955, March

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The booklet my son and his wife published was a hit!! As always we goofed too. Updates coming, pic of other half class and adding missed people. Talked to **Nancy Stone Blough** had a wild adventure on a trip to Italy. Keep in touch with my Red Sox buddy, **Jane Riddell Peppard,** moaning their fate. The Maine group **Marge Hinkley Whipple** , **Jean Dumas Huston** and **Margie Dunn Russell** meet for lunch. Am trying to get a group to meet at **Anne Hickey Bravemans'** will keep you informed . Have a nice Holiday and send me your news.

1955, September

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I hope you saw the class notes in the last Record. They were mistakenly put with the notes of the class 6 months ahead of us. **Alice Skowyra**'s daughter, Laura, called to tell me her mother had passed away. Alice had Parkinsons Disease for a long time and had been in a nursing home in California where she had resided for many years. **Janet Burke Potter**'s husband, Bill, passed away in July. **Bunny Codi Raak, Joan Alfonso Walker**, and **Carole Beaumont Sartori-Ring** and I attended the memorial service for Bill. It was held in Clinton, Ma in the church where they were married. There was a reception after the ceremony in the Sterling Inn, where the Potters had their wedding reception forty three years ago. Janet is living in Naples, FL. An email from **Lori Agostini Garreau** said that **Doris Butt Johnson**, who was in our class for a time, lives near her in Hilton Head and they have lunch together once a month. Lori also hopes that any classmates who are in the area will call her. She'd love to see you. News is sparse this time as I've had a busy year. After being away the first four months of the year, I spent the next three months clearing out my mother's home of seventy-five years. She turned ninety-five this past July and has gone to live with my sister. At the same time one of our sons had not been well for a few months. He was eventually diagnosed with constrictive pericarditis and underwent a total pericardectomy in September. He is doing well at this time although still tires easily.

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Hello to all of you, who are reading this. First of all, I have some very sad news to report-heartbreaking for me. My husband, Steve, died unexpectedly on June 16, 2006-two days before our 46th anniversary. It still doesn't seem real, but I and our four children and six granddaughters have many wonderful memories of a great guy. It goes without saying how close we were. Steve was like an honary member of our class with

his invaluable assistance in tracking down missing classmates, when I was planning our 5 yr dinner reunions. Now it's time to start thinking about our 50th-just two short years away. I will send out letters to all for whom I have addresses. If anyone has information or addresses for classmates, please send them to me by E-mail a Subvetsteve@juno.com or mail them to me at my Medford address listed above.

I did attend the CEU program at MGH on 9/29 and **Sue Truby Peterson, Judy Madden Fitzsimmons, Nancy Wall Alukonis,** and **May Yee Chin** were also there. As usual, it was an interesting and informative program, an enjoyable way to earn some CEU's. It also gave us a chance to catch up on news. Homecoming was held 9/30 at the IHP building in the Charlestown Navy Yard for the first time. With **Dubbie Sugg**'s fine navigation, I found it with little difficulty. I also think Steve was directing from above. Those who attended Homecoming Day were **Delthia Vilasuso Sugg**, as previously mentioned, also **Janet Hames Crook, Sue Truby Peterson**, and myself. Again please watch for my letter and, if you are in touch with anyone who does not belong to the alumnae association, please send me their address so that we may contact them about our one and only 50th anniversary.

1959

A niece of **Martha Ruth Coggeshall** is looking for a picture or news items of her. Does anyone have anything to share about Martha, who deceased in 2002? If anyone does, please contact me through the Alumnae Office. Thanks, **Marlene Norton** '61

1960

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How many of you know what NOSO-COMEPHOBIA is?

Eleven classmates met in October at **Jan McCormack Hargraves** house in Southborough, Ma. **Mary Schofield Gordon** from Marshfield, MA, had just returned from a trip with her 3 sisters. They visited Amsterdam, Lucerne, The Netherlands as well as other places. **Carol Stone** from Plymouth, MA, and 12 family members and friends spoke highly of her Rocky Mountain tour. **Mary Mulhern Bartholomew** drove down from Campton, NH. We were expecting **Nancy Wheaton Merson** to accompany her from NH but her father's health needs forced her to remain with her father. Nancy is retired and lives in Bainbridge Island, WA. **Mary Mulhern** has 5 children and 11 grandchildren. She volunteers at a local hospital and the Holderness School nearby. **Linda Walker Housman** and husband Ken's trip to Germany was postponed. Linda nursed Ken back to good health after surgery this summer. Can you picture Linda on a tractor mowing grass? She mastered the tractor out of necessity, She is enjoying her volunteer position as curator of the Oakham, MA Historical Society. John and I are members of the Middleboro, Ma Historical Society and one of the towns claim to fame is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb. Tom was 36 inches tall and Lavinia was 33 and both were perfectly proportioned little people. P.T. Barnum enabled them to travel and perform around the world many times. **Ellie Tomasian Venetzian**, Phd, is a retired Med-surgery teacher. She lives in Amherst, MA. She has two married daughters and 5 grandchildren. One of her daughters was a student of hers at U.Mass nursing program and now works at MGH. **Donna Sweeney Harrill** is expecting her first grandchild in December. Son Edward, her middle child, and wife are the proud parents to be. Son Scott, a commander in the

Navy flies F-A18's and hopes to soon be stationed in Newport, RI. Chuck drives semi-trailers cross country. Donna is recovering from rotator cuff surgery that she damaged while helping to lift her brother Ed while he was in a nursing home. He died in August. **Charlotte Tucker Gordee** from Peabody, MA was within days of flying to California. She has 3 children and was going to visit her son. **Kate Rosenfield Latta** of Middletown,MA. spent time in Michigan visiting family members this past summer. Kate is past president of a nurse-anethetist group. Bill and Kate travel frequently and have planned a trip to Australia and New Zealand in the spring. **Cynthia Story Mallette** from Pigeon Cove, MA. also attended our get together. They have a sailboat moored in Maine. They enjoy their ocean front living when not sailing. THANK YOU, Jan for bringing us together for a second time. Jan and Julian have 3 children and several grandchildren. They must love coming home to this unique home with its own ice cream parlor, swimming pool and computer room. **Judith Kingston Mushial** of Hampstead NH was unable to be with us. They are renovating a cottage in Maine. **Maureen Mckeown Cook** form New Orleans, LA sent an e-mail. She described her job working for a research company involved with Parkinsons disease. **Bev Towle Hall** was recently diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Bev had 14 of us for lunch at her spacious home in Middletown RI in May 2006. She stayed home to get some much needed rest. **Jan Santos Ludwig** must be enjoying her new home in Middletown, RI. I stopped in to see her this summer as the house was nearing completion. She is working in the health clinic at Salve Regina College. **Pat Toas Carden** of Chatham, MA husband Chuck, John and myself enjoyed our 12 day Mediterranean cruise this summer. **Anne Keiran Manton** and her husband went on a similar cruise in the fall. Anne lives in Bourne Ma. **Betty Rafferty Angel,** has moved to Norwell MA. I have a list of 29 classmates with e-mail addresses. Do I have yours? Send me some news to share with others. Our next local get together will be sometime in May 2007, at the home of **Donna Harrill.** Why not try to join us for some fun and food? The Stidhams are on their way to Florida for the winter. We are legal FL residents now and enjoy the warmer weather. Oh, by the way, that big word is fear of hospitals.

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Dear classmates,
It's time to plan for our 50th reunion, which will be September 28 and 29, 2007. A letter will be mailed shortly looking for lost classmates, e-mail addresses, and for suggestions for reunion activities. There is no official committee, but you can contact the above with any information on classmates, change of addresses, or anything else concerning our 50th. Jo and Pat are concentrating on the

September section and Rita and Betty on the March section. It will be great to see and catch up with one another.
Jo, Pat, Rita, And Betty

1961

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Betty Matricaria Hutchinson, Ann Quink Young, Ellie Love Marchi, Maureen McGrath and I attended the CE day that the Alumnae offers in September. We got together later with **Rosemary Rice Williston** and **Ann Lynch Durfee** at the Warren Tavern in Charlestown to celebrate our 45th reunion. **Stephanie Pietrowski Davidson** joined us at the Homecoming on Saturday. Rosemary is active in traveling and heading off to Turkey. She and Jim enjoy life in Michigan near their daughter and grandkids. We were hoping that more could join us. We shared letters and emails from classmates who were not able to come and excerpts follow. From **Ann Boivin**: I have had another grandchild on July 1st. A girl for my son and his wife who live in Illinois. I am back in Maine, for a while and will be babysitting my other granddaughter in August while her mother goes to France to visit a friend. She is 17 months old and a two foot tall demolition derby. What fun!
From **Connie Donovan**: I did retire this past June and had a wonderful summer. Now, I am beginning my new pursuit in the field of anthropology. My classes begin this week and one mandatory course only had a Saturday opening when I went to register. Thus, I am not free to attend the Saturday reunion.
I hope to see you all at the 50th reunion.
Regards, Connie
From **Mary Lou Prendible Nadeau**: She and her husband are on their way to Greece and Turkey. All is well with them "give my love to everyone and see you at the 50th". From **Dorothy Kupfer**: Thanks for all the news you transmit. I cannot come to the 45th reunion, but am planning on making the 50th. As of September "05, I've retired from the School of Nursing at Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham, but continue to teach my online pathophysiology course part-time. That keeps me in touch with friends at the University, but gives me time for other things like teaching literacy and making attempts at gardening. This year Joe and I have also enjoyed visiting our two sons' families in Atlanta and Arkansas, and celebrating the birth of our fifth grandchild last September. I'd love to hear from classmates, especially Anne, Shirley, and Maureen. Maybe we should make a list of classmate e-mail addresses. Dotty (Dorothy Kupfer Gauthier).
From **Judy Conway** in CT: (actually she wrote this last year—but we have been in touch and she helped find classmates and sent out letters-thanks Judy) I am working at UConn as a nurse practitioner in colon cancer prevention. It's about as low stress as it gets, and I enjoy what I'm doing, so I decided to work a couple of more years. I'm looking forward to the 50th--God, are we THAT old—haven't been back since the 20th. Would love a tour of the General--I think that is still offered. Would love to hear about who is where and doing what--I keep in touch with **Nancy Barney Reid** out in Sacramento, CA. We had been talking about **Peggy Cahill** and how we had lost touch with her and also **Susan Dagworthy Hants**. It's amazing how life goes on and we seem to drift along. But maybe we could do some investigating and try to contact all of our surviving classmates for the 50th.
From **Jessie Parsons**: Thanks so much for sending out the invitation to the reunion of our classmates' tomorrow evening. I sincerely wish all of you who make it a very grand time. This past April, I did "hang up the cap" and have never been so busy in my life. Jack and I will celebrate our 44th anniversary in Dec. We have 4 children, 1 married, 1

divorced, 2 single, 3 grandchildren, 1 dog, 1 cat, 2 horses, and 9 other horses that board in our barn. Since I retired we have tried to do so many household projects we couldn't get to while I was working full time. No joke, I'm ready to go back to work. In October we will take some time out to take a cruise to the Greek Isles then stay on the ship as it repositions to the Galveston, its winter port. Our family is well and fortunately all are enjoying good health. Best wishes to our classmates. From **Judy Robbins Packard**: Charlie and Judy are retired and have 6 grandkids. Have been sightseeing and visiting relatives. "We're in Mesa, Arizona, with my sisters-a lot hotter than we expected but cooling off slowly. We'll be heading back on Friday and go through Utah and see parts of the country we've never seen before. Charlie really wants to ride across country next summer but I'm not so sure. Summer is the best season to not miss Seattle. I missed most of it this year and to ride across would mean missing it all". They plan to be in Boston next year at Homecoming time for Charlie's 50th reunion. From **Rosemary Brevaqua Tempendola**: I am married for 43 years now to Bob, who retired from pharmacy 5 years ago. I also retired from nursing about the same time. I worked part time for a surgeon (vascular). Never did I expect to work in the surgical field since I hated it at the General! I fell into the job after 5 years of marriage. I did some case management but didn't like the restrictions that the insurance companies put on treatment for my patients. Medicine has really changed! We are still residing in Escondido, which I love and have made many old friends and I love our church community. We have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Debbie, Kim, David and Paul. My oldest, is living in Idaho, Kim lives in Temecula, which is 30 miles from us, David just moved to Flagstaff, Az., and Paul lives in San Diego which is also 30 miles south of us. We have 7 of the Grandchildren living around us. All happily married and healthy (thank you Lord). I would love to hear how you all are doing. Please send my best wishes and love to all who attend the reunion, especially my old freshmen roommate Ann. Many fond memories of all of you and our struggles at MGH. From **Betty Adamski Schunke**: Betty and Dan have 5 children and 8 grandkids. They are very active with the Sierra Club. And do a lot of traveling to visit family in NC, CO, NJ and India. Hope to make the 50th. From **Betty Christie Smith**: Peter and Betty have been married for 25 years and live in NH. Have 3 daughters; 2 became nurses. Peter is a retired judge and Betty retired after working for 29 years for a G.P. From **Jane Howe Shea**: Still working as an Infusion RN for South Shore VNA , MA and hopes to work another 5 years. Came to CE Day.

Ellie remains busy with her grandkids. We visited Ann and George Durfee at their newly built log house in NH, which is so lovely with cathedral ceilings. I also spoke with **Marian Saunders**, who works in part time in a psych unit. It was nice to hear from her. She'll eventually be retiring to S.C. From **Stephanie Pietrowski Davidson**: Great to see everyone from Section 3 on Homecoming. Good to see the Institute as well. Dick & I are still in Bedford in the "yellow house" as the grandchildren say. We also have a small home in Port Clyde, Me and spend summers basically there since retirement. Dick retired in earnest 2 1/2 yrs ago and I retired last year (for 5 years was working part-time in Case Management at Kindred, Peabody and Boston.) We sold the Pharmacy 6 years ago and Dick worked part-time until his retirement. We both had flexible schedules, which allowed for a two-month vacation in FLA as well as going to ME. We had the 5 children, losing Stephen 6 years ago to cancer, and there are 12 grandchildren among them.

Our children live in GA, VA, Il, and Richard Jr lives here in Bedford with his family, so we travel to see them when we can. His oldest daughter is a freshman at Clark University in Worcester, so I real feel old. The range in age of grandchildren is 18 years to 4 1/2 years, with 4 14 year olds!! We do have fun, I am blessed with still having my mother living in Swampscott, she was 88 years old this past September, and my sister lives nearby to help her. I am active in Church as both a Lector and as a member of the Arithmethia Society, a group of women assisting families when a death occurs in planning funeral liturgy, etc. I knit, sew and have dabbled in oil painting classes. I volunteer at the Lighthouse Museum in Port Clyde and have been reading a lot lately. **Marlene Norton** writes: I continue to travel (Panama Canal on an Irish Festival cruise) and volunteer for the Alumnae. Thank you all who wrote and emailed in! It's great to catch up with all of you. Keep the 50th in mind!

1966

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Jane Goodwin Quinn writes: Hi 1966 Alumnae! It is hard to believe that 40 years ago MGH pinned us and sent us out into the world to practice the profession of nursing. It seems like only yesterday that I was walking down Charles Street in the heat of a summer morning, to go to clinical on Bulfinch 2. By the time I arrived the starch of my fashionable black and white checkered uniform and white apron had melted onto my skin. The uniform which was once so stiff with starch that it could have stood alone, now hung limp as a dish rag on me! What a sight I must have been. It took a while going part-time, but I managed to ear my BSN from St. Anselm's College and my Master's in Nursing Administration at the University of Lowell. I am still working full time in nursing. My nursing career has seen the gamut – staff nurse recovery room, med/surg, CCU to Nursing Administration (Supervisor, Clinical Director of Critical Care, Associate Director of Nursing, Director of Nursing) and back to staff nurse on a Spinal Cord Injury Unit, which is my favorite. I am now Associate Nurse Manager of a telemetry/orthopedic unit at Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA. I am hoping that this will be my last place of employment since it is so close to home, although my "hobby farm", 'East Meadow Acres' will not sustain me financially. My family includes my husband, Steve, a son (Eric), and Steve's adopted daughter. My son has two daughters. All are doing well and are healthy. My other life outside of nursing is spent caring for all my animals (6 miniature horses, 2 miniature donkeys, 8 alpacas, 3 llamas, 8 cats, 2 dogs, 3 chinchillas, 7 ducks, a rabbit, 2 canaries, a cockatiel and a fancy white dove with feathers on her feet. The animals provide me with exercise and hours of entertainment, comfort and relaxation. They are the best tranquilizers in the world! I have about 60 laundry bags of alpaca fiber that will be sent off to be cleaned, carded and spun into yarn. Anyone spin or knit??? I took a spinning lesson and flunked. I will wait until I retire to attempt that again! I also enjoy cooking and experimenting with new recipes, gardening, knitting and antiquing. I love to explore the antique shops when I am on vacation on Cape Cod. Well, that is my life in a nutshell. Fondly, Jane Goodwin Quinn

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Six classmates came to our 35th Reunion. **Susan Bindseil Mueller** and **Vareen O'Keefe Domaleski** stayed

with **Karen Buma Doebelbower**. **Karen Buma** is an office nurse in a busy OB/GYN Department with the Southboro Medical Group. She is married with 2 daughters and currently lives in Clinton, MA, but has lived in Albany and Rochester, NY and Pittsburgh, PA. **Susan Bindseil** flew in from New Mexico, however she is planning to relocate to Utah to be closer to her grown children. Married with 2 sons (Eli and Jacob) 2 dogs and 2 cats, Sue is a nurse case manager for Medicaid Managed Care. In addition to earning her BSN she is certified in Rehab (CRRN) and Case Management (CCM). **Gail Kelley McKinnon** lives in Milton, MA with her husband, Craig. Craig and Gail were married in 2002 (It was a great wedding!) and share Gail's 2 daughters and Craig's 4 sons. Her oldest daughter is attending a nursing program in Rhode Island. Gail is active in SGNA (Society Gastroenterology Nursing Association) and also the bargaining unit for the Massachusetts Nurses Association. She is anticipating moving to Maine where she and Craig currently vacation and eventually plan to retire. Vareen came in from Baltimore, MD. She is married with 2 children (Erin Elizabeth, an artist in NYC and Ryan Matthew, a musician in Los Angeles, CA). She earned her BSN in 1982 from Worcester State College and her Master's in Nursing Administration at the University of Lowell in 1988. Vareen was appointed a Wharton Fellow in 1996 and is currently hoping to complete her Doctoral Studies at The George Washington University in 2007. Best of Luck to you, Vareen! She is currently Vice President of Clinical Services/Chief Nursing Officer at the Sheppard Pratt Health System in Baltimore and is certified in nursing administration (CNAA). **Irene Schleicher McMahan** is my neighbor in Waterville, Maine. She has been married to J. Andrew (Andy) for 35 years. They have 3 children: Rebecca is married and working on her Master's in Education at U Mass Amherst, Laura is an artist in Santa Clara, CA and Jason is a Programmer in Rehobeth, MA. Irene obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Education in 1979 and earned her Master's Degree as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from Simmons College in 2000. She holds an Assistant Professor position at the University of Maine at Augusta and is a part-time Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for the Maranacook School Based Health Center. She and Andy travel every summer throughout the state of Maine, Vancouver, Utah, the Southwest and any area that strikes their fancy. Irene would love to hear from fellow classmates: mcmahani@maine.edu Irene brought her yearbook and we had fun reminiscing. Happy Holidays to All!

Estate of Esther Fessenden Martinson '28

The Annabella McCrae Loan Fund was generously remembered recently in Esther's will.

Looking back on the history of the Fund, I discovered that Esther Fessenden, who graduated in 1928, was the first recipient of the loan fund in 1930. She must have been so impressed by being able to tap this source for help in furthering her education that she was determined in her will to help others as she was helped so long ago.

Today, the Loan Fund named for Annabella McCrae, who had taught in the MGH School of Nursing for 33 years, is still viable after 76 years. It has helped 173 nurses going on for degrees in nursing and related health professions and is still being actively used today.

The Alumnae are truly appreciative of Esther's gift. ~Marlene Norton

Felicia Kulig Fullerton or Sally Johnson Scholarship Application

General Requirements:

1. Active member of the Alumnae Association (paid up dues for 2 years prior to applying and for the duration of the scholarship).
2. Application must be received preferably by May 1st or prior to the course of study.
3. Scholarship to be returned if another full tuition grant is awarded.
4. Preference will be given if the degree pursued is in Nursing.
5. A copy of the course registration must be submitted before the check will be released.
6. End of the semester: passing grades must be submitted showing completion of course.

Name of Applicant _____

(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address _____

Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute _____

State currently registered in _____

How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae? _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarship assistance? _____

If so, please give sources, amounts and date received _____

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Tuition needed for course or semester _____ credits _____

Attending full or part time? _____ total credits earned to date _____

Any portion of the course cost reimbursed by your employer?

When do you anticipate receiving your degree? _____

What degree are you working towards in Nursing? _____ other field? _____

What are your future plans in Nursing? _____

Education other than MGH or MGH Institute:

College/University Address Dates Attended Credits/Degrees

Professional Experience since Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute: Include position, full or part time, agency and dates. Attach a separate sheet if needed.

I have read the statements in this application and declare that to the best of my knowledge, they are correct.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Public Law 9338 makes it necessary to have a signature in order to look at your school records. Signing of this application gives the committee chairperson permission to look at your MGH or MGH Institute school records, if necessary. Rev/2002

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund Application

The loan fund is available to active members of the Alumnae Association to aid in further education in the field of nursing. A sum not to exceed $8,000 may be borrowed per lifetime. Repayments are made on a monthly installment plan, due on the 10th of each month, commencing three months after completion of the program. Full details of the loan fund are available from the Alumnae Office.

Name of Applicant _____
(last) (first) (middle/maiden)

Present Address _____

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Telephone Number/Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Graduation from MGH or MGH Institute_____

State currently registered in _____

How long have you been an active member in the Alumnae?_____

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In Memoriam

1933, Anielli Alice Danyla Shiels, on January 23, 2006

1942, Ruth Newcomb Thompson, on March 15, 2006

1968, Sandra J. Snow, on October 22, 2006

1928, Enes M. Zambon, April 23, 2006

1937, Louise Evers Allison, June 19, 2006

1938, Nelma Ruth Soule Bradway

1948, Jane Marshall Bicknell O'Keefe

1950, M. Phyllis Shea, 2004

1957, Carol E. Brown Walsh, July 3, 2006

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